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AND SPACE ENGINE USING SUCH METHOD

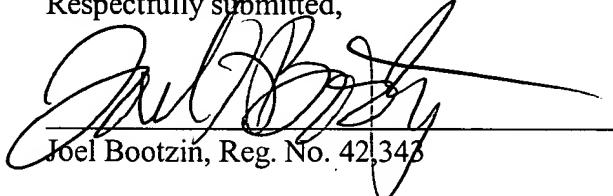
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THE STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW

Applicant's provide a "substance of the interview" as required by the Examiner and as recited below.

We provided the Examiner with a facsimile copy of Amendment D, which was previously filed on December 19, 2003, to determine whether a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) is required to gain entry of the amendment. The Examiner relayed by telephone that he reviewed the amendment and that directly amended claims 25, 49, 74, 84 and 91, and new claims 95-98, involve new issues that require further search and examination, and an RCE would be appropriate.

Respectfully submitted,



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